



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 5, 2003

HECB to take action on changes to student residency rules

OLYMPIA— The Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) is scheduled to take action on proposed changes to the state's student residency requirements during its June 12 meeting in Olympia.

The board conducted public hearings on the proposed changes last month in Seattle and Pullman. The June 12 scheduled action is the next step in a process that began Feb. 26 when the HECB filed a formal notice to revise the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) on student residency. State law directs the HECB to adopt rules establishing residency status for tuition purposes.

Proposed changes would include a stronger proviso that a student living in Washington must reside in the state for purposes other than education, as well as a narrower definition of "financial independence." If approved, the new rules would take effect July 14.

The 10-member citizens board also will review the 2003 Legislature's actions on higher education issues, including the operating and capital budgets that are expected to be approved during the special legislative session that began May 12.

In other action, college and university administrators will discuss alternatives to streamline the transfer process and to increase access for students moving from the state's two-year colleges to four-year institutions. Transfer issues will be addressed in the upcoming Strategic Plan for Higher Education, which is the state's policy blueprint for higher education in Washington. The plan is updated every four years; a draft of the 2004 plan is due in December, and the final version will be submitted to the Legislature and governor in June 2004.

The HECB meeting will begin at 9:15 a.m. Thursday, June 12, at the State Investment Board office, 2100 Evergreen Park Drive SW, and is open to the public.

Briefing materials on agenda items are available at:
<http://www.hecb.wa.gov/Docs/packets/JuneMtg03.pdf>

Who: Higher Education Coordinating Board

What: June regular meeting (rescheduled from May 28)

**Where: State Investment Board
2100 Evergreen Park Drive SW, Olympia**

**When: Thursday, June 12
9:15 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

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PRELIMINARY BOARD MEETING AGENDA
State Investment Boardroom
2100 Evergreen Park Drive SW, Olympia 98504
June 12, 2003

Approximate times

9:15 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
• Bob Craves, HECB Chair

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Adoption of April 2003 HECB Meeting Minutes

New Degree Programs

- **PhD in Biomedical and Health Informatics, UW**
Resolution # 03-11
- **PhD in Built Environment, UW**
Resolution # 03-12
- **MS in Strategic Planning for Critical Infrastructures, UW**
Resolution # 03-13
- **MA in Philosophy, WSU**
Resolution # 03-14

HECB POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

- **Update on Branch Campuses**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **Status Report – Notification of Intent**
- **Updates on Programs and Activities**

10:00 a.m. 2003 Legislative Session Summary

- **Operating and Capital Budgets**

10:45 a.m. Washington Student Residency Permanent Rules (CR 103)
Resolution # 03-15

11:00 a.m. Break

11:15 a.m. Role of Transfer in the Bachelor's Degree

- Loretta Seppanen, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges

12:00 noon Master Plan 2004 / Transfer and Articulation

- Institutional responses and public comment

1:00 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

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HECB 2003 Meeting Calendar (Note new locations)

Date	Location
July 30, Wed.	DIS Board Room, Forum Bldg. Olympia
Sept. 24, Wed.	Washington State University, Pullman Compton Union Building
Oct. 29, Wed.	State Investment Board Board Room
Dec. 3, Wed.	South Puget Sound Community College Bldg. 22, Room 200A